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Sir:

The following references are cited and discussed on pages 2 and 4 through 6 of applicants' specification:

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U.S. Patent No. 3,794,732	Raun	
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U.S. Patent No. 4,550,019	Polson	October 1985
U.S. Patent No. 4,748,018	Stolle et al	May 1988
U.S. Patent No. 4,933,364	Ivy et al	June 1990
U.S. Patent No. 5,080,895	Tokoro	January 1992
U.S. Patent No. 5,196,193	Carroll	March 1993
U.S. Patent No. 5,367,054	Lee	November 1994
U.S. Patent No. 5,443,976	Carroll	August 1995
U.S. Patent No. 5,585,098	Coleman	December 1996
U.S. Patent No. 5,753,268	Stolle et al	May 1998

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Pate, F., Ionophones do not appear to work in molasses supplements, ONA Reports, The Florida cattlemen and Livestock Journal, November, 1996.

Lana, R.P., D.G. Fox, J.B. Russell, and T.C. Perry, Influence of monensin on Holstein steer fed high-concentrate diets containing soybean meal or urea, J. Anim. Sci. 75:2571-2579, 1997

The relevancy of these references is set out in the specification.

In addition, reference is made to the following patent:

Sterling et al U.S. Patent No. 5,753,228 is directed to the production and use of egg yolk antibodies for the prevention and treatment of intestinal parasites in invertebrates, including humans.

A copy of each of these references is enclosed, along with Form PTO 1449.

Applicants do not represent that the above art is complete nor is it intended to replace the Examiner's search. Applicants request that the Examiner study the above identified references and cite them in the Office Action to the extent that they are deemed pertinent.

An examination of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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